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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 11089

CALCUTTA 1884 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 5 AUG 77.
BEING RPT FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1884

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, EAID, IN
SUBJECT: REOPENING OF GDR CONSULATE IN CALCUTTA

1. FOR THE PAST SIX WEEKS OR SO THERE HAVE BEEN
NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT THE GDT EMBASSY NEW DELHI
WAS ATTEMPTING TO REOPEN ITS CONSULATE GENERAL
(CG), IN CALCUTTA. THE CG WAS CLOSED IN 1975 REPORTEDLY
TO SAVE GDR FOREIGN CURRENCY.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE GDR DCM IN NEW DELHI
(HEIDRICH) WHO WAS THE FORMER GDR CG IN CALCUTTA
OFFICIALLY ASKED THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR
PERMISSION TO REOPEN THEIR CG IN CALCUTTA. IN
ADDITION WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE FRG CONGEN (ZIRRPPEL)
IN CALCUTTA THAT HEIDRICH ALSO CONVEYED THIS SAME
REQUEST TO THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
WEST BENGAL AT A MEETING AT THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY
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IN NEW DELHI SOMETIME DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.
AT THIS MEETING HE (HEIDRICH) ALSO OFFERED AID FROM
THE GDR DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL.
REPORTEDLY THE GOI HAS NOTIFIED THE GDR THAT NO
DIRECT AID FROM ANY COUNTRY WILL BE PERMITTED
DIRECTLY TO ANY STATE.

3. IN ORDER TO CIRCUMVENT THIS OBJECTIVE THE GDR
IS NOW OFFERING TO BUILD A PETRO-CHEMICAL ESTABLISHMENT
AT HALDIA AND A PAPERMILL SOME PLACE WITHIN WEST BENGAL.
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE OFFERS OF ECONOMIC
COOPERATION WILL BE FOUND ACCEPTABLE BY THE GOI.

4. IF PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO THE GDR TO REOPEN
ITS CONSULATE GENERAL IN CALCUTTA IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
THIS CAN BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SINCE
VARIOUS CLEARANCES ARE NECESSARY FROM A VARIETY
OF GOI AND GOWB DEPARTMENTS.
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